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The smallest effort is not lost,
Each wavelet on the ocean tossed
Aids in the ebb tide or the flow;
Each raindrop makes some flow'ret blow,
Each struggle lessens human woe.

—Charles Mackay.

JEFF McCARN

Tennessee, from all accounts, is able to supply a district attorney for Hawaii just as picturesque and just as keen a fighter as the gentleman from Wyoming who is now chasing the grafters up and down the island of Hawaii. In Jeff McCarn—cowboy, university student, storekeeper, wit, after-dinner speaker and natural-born crusader—there is coming to Hawaii a man of whom advance reports speak highly.

Jeff McCarn—Jeff, that's all—has fought his way from obscurity to eminence in his profession, and it is to be noticed that all the while he was helping fight the battles of others, particularly those battles that are waged for the common good. When young McCarn was a struggling lawyer in Nashville, he picked him as the attorney for the Committee of One Hundred, an organization which turned its flame of indignation upon the lawless elements of Nashville. McCarn made good. He made good in spite of corrupt politicians, in spite of organized divekeepers and in spite of desperate gun-fighters. A sketch of his life written a few years ago states that he has secured a conviction in every murder case that has gone to trial. Yet in a political speech he said: "The watchwords of the republic are Equality, Simplicity, Economy and Justice," and he is distinguished for his fairness in handling the prosecution of cases.

Of the new district attorney Hawaii knows only by advance reports, but these reports invariably show him to be a public-spirited citizen and a man whose sympathy is knit with cleanliness and progress in political and civic affairs. He will enter office here under favorable auspices.

WILSON AND MEXICO

Events in Mexico change line so rapidly that little can be said today that stands good tomorrow, except that President Wilson is steadily, unflinchingly and with increasing firmness pressing home the order that Huerta must go.

His message of some weeks ago was pacific in tone; in fact, it was criticized because it contained no threat of armed intervention. Nevertheless, it contained, as do all of Wilson's messages, the calm statement of a fact that he insists upon being recognized as a fact; the outline of an order that he insists upon being obeyed. He said then that a government founded on lawlessness was abhorrent to American sense of justice; he drives home that statement now with the order that Huerta must go. He appealed then to the sense and sensibilities of the Mexicans; they did not understand or would not understand the purpose behind his courteous words; he speaks more plainly now. He forebears to send a bluff ultimatum, but in all essential respects that ultimatum has been delivered to Huerta in Mexico City.

Wilson will not cease to press his point. If he finds it necessary to press it by force of arms, it is not to be doubted that arms will be called on. In the meantime, he will exhaust every other resource; he will bend a little backward in his effort to avoid a physical clash; he will exert his great strength of moral suasion and he will use his marvellous equipment for manipulating men and events—with entire integrity, be it observed, but manipulation nevertheless. If patience fails, if moral effort fails, he will not flinch at the final resort.

PUSH IT ALONG

Honolulu's new frontage-tax law is now being discussed in a way that is bound to do good. It is surprising to find how many city organizations of various kinds are seeking and securing information from those who have made a study of the nets passed by the last legislature. The Ad Club listened to Albert Waterhouse, president of the Research Club, at a luncheon talk yesterday; tomorrow night Senator Albert F. Judd will speak before the Men's Club of St. Andrew's. Improvement clubs, men's societies, civic and commercial organizations of all kinds are now working on this large problem of local improvement.

One of the first questions that has arisen is that of the division of cost for street improvement between the local improvement district and

the city. Some students of the subject hold that the property-owners should pay the entire cost, others that the city should pay a large proportion of it. No satisfactory basis for spreading the expense has yet been arrived at.

Sen. Judd, who is thoroughly familiar with the laws and was instrumental in their enactment, now comes forward with a suggestion that seems to answer the question. He finds in a supreme court decision a statement that the amount of the frontage-tax laid on the property may not exceed the value of the benefit to the property. The case is that of a property-owner in the Kewalo section against the superintendent of public works, and involved the validity of the "revolving fund" act of 1911. In upholding that act, the supreme court said, the decision being written by Chief Justice Robertson:

The duty to grade or pave such a highway may not be imposed by law on abutting owners and although such owners may legally be compelled to contribute to the cost of grading and paving the highway upon which their lands are situated, the amount of the enforced contribution, laid in the form of a special tax or assessment, cannot legally exceed the value of the special benefits which accrue to the abutting property as the result of the improvement.

Senator Judd is of the opinion that frontage-taxes should be assessed on the basis of this statement above, the property being made to pay to the value of the benefit expected from the improvement. The board of supervisors, sitting as a board of equalization, will thus determine the amount of the frontage-tax after taking expert testimony and hearing from the owners, and, in case the improvement is decided upon, the abutting property will pay the amount of the aggregate benefits. The general fund will be called upon for the remainder.

There are numerous problems such as this to be worked out. Just now the board of supervisors intends to finish its 1913 work on the old basis, that of general-fund payments. But the people of this community have every right to insist that the laws put on the statute-books by the legislature of 1914 shall be carried out by the supervisors of the city and county of Honolulu. The final determination upon a local improvement rests with the property-owners, of course, but the supervisors, with their power to lay out districts and do the initiative work, are able either to encourage or kill temporarily the local-improvement idea in Honolulu.

No killing is wanted, even temporarily.

EFFICIENCY

The night patrol of the detective department, reorganized without Captain McDermott and Deputy Kelleff, made an unusual record yesterday when, after capturing an alleged Filipino thief, the patrol allowed itself to be locked in the said Filipino's room, the little brown brother himself making good his escape. This exploit is almost as brilliant as that of Officer Berry Sizemore, who, it will be remembered, allowed a Korean prisoner to be badly beaten by an outsider while the Korean was in his custody. Sizemore, who also helped in the beating, has been suspended for thirty days, the sheriff carefully dating the suspension back to October 15, the date when the assault was committed. It took the sheriff from October 15 to November 5 to investigate the case, and now by dating the suspension back, Judd will reinstate Sizemore in a little more than a week.

Senator O'Gorman is spoken of as the probable successor to Charles F. Murphy as the leader of Tammany Hall and, ex-officio, of the Democratic organization in New York. Senator O'Gorman is one of the brainiest men in Democracy today and his independence of thought and action is shown by the fact that, though he is a strong Wilson supporter, he has been one of the two Bourbon senators who have stood out against rushing the currency bill through Congress. O'Gorman conceded that probably it is a good bill, but he doesn't believe important legislation of that sort should be railroaded. If O'Gorman succeeds Murphy, the discreditable alliance between Tammany and graft will end in New York City.

Senatorial courtesy is certainly going the limit on the Pinkham nomination. But that won't stop his final confirmation.

"Boss" Murphy's reign is at an end and it is even doubtful if his soul will go marching on.

Well, one Democrat has been appointed to office in Hawaii.

Of course it takes an O'Gorman to succeed a Murphy.

Letters OF THE WEEK

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

A NEEDLESS DRAWBACK TO BEAUTY

Honolulu, Nov. 5, 1913.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir—May I ask you for the publication of the following matter:
Where is the long arm of the law?
Just imagine yourself coming for the first time and as a stranger to Honolulu on one of the steamers which carry tired people to the "islands of the blessed," according to Rudyard Kipling.
Taking it for granted you are, a close observer of "things," you cannot help to be struck with how many "tired" people we must have in Honolulu, if you take pleasure to walk now and again in the palace grounds and see them lying there on the neglected lawns and rusty old benches with

their underextremities in the air and dreaming of times of old Hawaii!

Why, such a stranger is not far from wrong in his belief that these here islands must be the country of the real "dolce far niente" and the land where milk and honey are to be got for the asking.

Of course, the words of Kipling take not reference to this category of tired people, but nevertheless it is necessary to have such an ugly and also painful sight right in the heart of the city. Are there not places outside town where a fellow may stretch himself to his heart's desire without being an eyesore to many who would like to rest for a short while?

I remember well my first visit to Honolulu, which was a few years after the annexation of the islands, and I can assure you, sir, that hardly anybody was told a second time to "sit up" or "get up" without being railroaded to the police station, and many a "tired" sailor and landlubber will remember the "ride" he got free of charge in the Black Maria, which also was a speedy enough vehicle in those days. I am, sir,

Very truly yours,
RICH. LEIDIGER.

PANAMA CANAL. AN EXAMPLE OF HANDLING MEN

Experts Say There Never Was a Gathering so Big or so Divergent

[By Latest Mail]
ANGON, C. Z.—It has been noticed by those who have watched the construction of the canal closely, that the personality of Colonel Goethals very seldom forces itself to the front; it is always in the way things are being done that the man at the head of the big job impresses himself upon the workers. With water running into Culabraca and digging operations to be supplemented by dredging in the flooded areas still needing attention, the question sometimes occurs as to how Colonel Goethals managed to advance construction as he has done it.

Asked some time ago how he could keep himself posted so thoroughly and watch operations throughout the Canal Zone, Colonel Goethals said that his chief interest in Panama was not so much the engineering problem but the men. If the work could be handled well, he said, the canal would build itself. There, probably never has been a piece of construction anywhere that brought together so many different nationalities, and so many men in different positions, as at Panama. This fact Colonel Goethals had to take into consideration. He has shown a peculiar knack of spurring the workers to do their level best. Good-natured rivalry was one means by which he accomplished results; by setting one section gang against another.

Colonel Goethals comes of Dutch stock. His grandfather came to America early in the last century, and the family settled in Brooklyn. Young Goethals started work in a broker's office, and at the age of 14 entered the College of the City of New York. On April 21, 1876, he was admitted to West Point. Previously the young man had written to President Grant, asking to be admitted to the military academy, but he received no answer. It was through the good offices of "Sunset" Cox, the great political leader of New York at the time, that Goethals had his ambition gratified.

Colonel Goethals did not find active service during the Spanish-American war, since he was sent to Porto Rico, where nothing happened, but he took this philosophically. It is to be remembered that most of the assignments that came to him, such as digging canals, building bridges and locks, were exactly in line with what confronted him when he was asked to take charge at Panama in April, 1907.

M. H. Reuter, 59 years old, a resident of Hana, Maui, died at the home of his son-in-law, E. J. Silva, last Monday afternoon following an extended illness. For the past nine months Reuter had been suffering with paralysis, and had been making his home with E. J. Silva and with his daughter, Mrs. Henry Sheldon of Kalihi. The deceased is survived by two brothers, two daughters and 15 grand-children. One of his grandchildren is J. F. Mackenzie, purser on one of the Inter-Island steamers, and another with the Bird of Paradise Company.

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Piliokai Street 3 bedrooms \$45.00
Alpha Lane 2 bedrooms 20.00
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College Hill House and lot 7350.00
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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—C. C. BITTNER: Has no one heard from Mr. McCarn? I'd like to have something to give thanks for on November 27th.

—SEN. JAMES L. COKE: I'm glad to hear that Jeff McCarn is confirmed and it's too bad that Pinkham wasn't confirmed at the same time.

—M. PHILLIPS: As a member of the Merchants' Association I voted for the Greater Chamber of Commerce and will do so again when the question comes up.

—PAUL SUPER: The Y. M. C. A. secretaries are busy just now completing the October report. It promises to set forth some interesting figures and statistics.

—W. W. THAYER: A hint to the wise is all-sufficient. The people of this territory don't need a proclamation by me, urging them to enjoy their Thanksgiving turkey or pie, as the case may be.

—A. L. C. ATKINSON: The splendid vote of the Proximates in Massachusetts is an evidence of the remarkable growth of the party and its hold on the ideals of the people. By the way, what happened in New Jersey?

—JAMES A. RATH: The work of distributing the Red Cross Christmas seals is well under way and the sales have begun. I believe that the heavy demand for the stamps will necessitate my sending for an additional supply.

—TOM BELDER: It would be a wise idea on the part of the managers of the different football teams if the two contests next Saturday could be played on one field. The first game could start at 1:30 o'clock and the other at 3:30 o'clock. In that way the fans could see both games.

—JAY A. URICE: One of the biggest features to be introduced in the educational department of the Y. M. C. A. is the forming of language classes. The Spanish and German classes are now well under way with large enrollments, and a movement is on foot to form other groups.

—SIDNEY JORDAN: According to advance booking notices received at the office of the Promotion Committee, tourist travel to Hawaii is going to be heavy during the next few months. Steamship and railroad companies are continually writing the committee for additional folders and literature.

—LIEUTENANT BUMP: I fully believe that the national guard companies of Hawaii will be recruited up to regimental strength by the end of December. If this is done, I intend taking up the matter of organizing three more companies so that Oahu may boast of a complete regiment.

—JUDGE W. L. WHITNEY: If the president and Congress are as slow in selecting Judge Cooper's successor as they have been in forwarding the governor's successor, Judge Robinson and I may have to handle all the work of the first circuit this year, which will mean we can't be as lenient with the attorneys in granting continuances as we have been in the past.

Detroit has appropriated \$8000 for school dental inspection and clinics in 1913-14.

FOR RENT

Kalaikaua Avenue 4 bedrooms \$60.00
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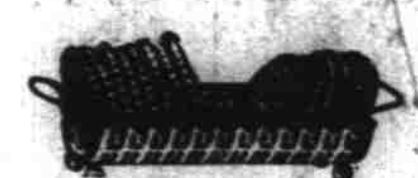
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Sterling Silver for Wedding Gifts

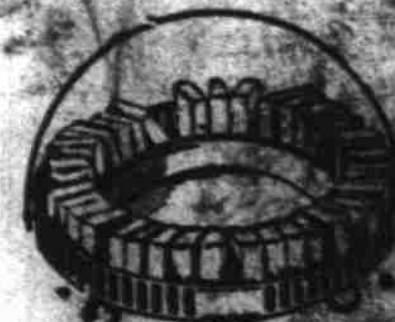
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Mrs. B. M. Allen paid W. R. Castle \$30,000 for the valuable ranch property at Kona, Hawaii, according to the figures submitted with the deed which was recorded yesterday in the office of the registrar of conveyances. The sale price had been reported to be \$50,000. The deed describes 22 tracts of land, varying in size from fourteen-hundredths of an acre to the 3300 acres.

Bungalow For Sale

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